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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN AND THE MFA

REF: KABUL 5486

1. CURRENT MFN DUTY ON TSUS ITEMS 360.15 AND 361.44 IS 11 PERCENT AD VALOREM. REDUCTIONS IN THIS RATE COULD BE NEGOTIATED IF THE USG SHOULD DECIDE TO DO SO, BUT THE PACKAGE OF PRODUCTS WHICH THE US WILL PUT ON THE TABLE IN THE MTN WILL NOT BE SELECTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO SAY WHAT ITS CONTENTS WILL BE.

2. THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MULTI-FIBER ARRANGEMENT (MFA), IS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATION OF THOSE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE IN A WIDE RANGE OF TEXTILE AND APPAREL ITEMS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE ORDERLY GROWTH OF FOREIGN PARTICIPATION IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES' DOMESTIC MARKETS. THE AIM OF THE MFA IS TO
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PROVIDE IMPORTING COUNTRIES WITH THE CONTROLS NEEDED TO PREVENT SUDDEN GROWTH IN TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM CAUSING

UNACCEPTABLE DISRUPTION IN THEIR DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES.

3. THE USG DOES NOT NOW HAVE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN
FORCE RESTRICTING THE IMPORTATION OF TEXTILES FROM

AFGHANISTAN NOR IS IT CONTEMPLATING REQUESTING SUCH AN
AGREEMENT.

4. QUESTIONS ON THE TRADE ACT, THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERENCES, AND RELATED MATTERS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO,
INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY, OFFICE OF TRADE, DEPARTMENT
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